

The Year of Jubilee

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The year 1880, when John Taylor was selected to be the President of the Church is known as the Year of Jubilee. It was the fiftieth year since the organization of the Church and President Taylor suggested that it be a year of forgiveness. As an example the Church forgave one half of the Perpetual Emigration Fund which was still due by the poor of the Church which amounted to \$802,000. One thousand cows and five thousand sheep were distributed among the worthy poor. 34,761 bushels of wheat was loaned to the farmers without interest by the Relief Society. The saints generally were advised to be forgiving and kind in their dealings one with another.

After the death of President Taylor, July 25, 1887, the Quorum of the Twelve with Wilford Woodruff at the head, again presided over the Church.